



**Program #60520B - Child Abuse Team Detectives** FY 2024 Department Requested

**Department:** Sheriff **Program Contact:** Carey Kaer  
**Program Offer Type:** New **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** Out of Target

**Executive Summary**

The goal of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Detective Unit is to provide highly trained detectives to investigate all serious person crimes; including those involving homicide, sexual assault, domestic violence, crimes against children, crimes against the elderly and vulnerable populations, and firearm-related crimes. Many of these cases are referred to this program through social service providers, patrol deputies, outside agencies, and from prosecutors.

**Program Description**

MCSO Detectives investigate all person crimes that are not resolved by patrol deputies. The Detective Unit is responsible for responding to crime scenes, conducting preliminary and follow-up investigations, preparing the required investigative reports, apprehending the suspect, preparing the case for successful prosecution, and testifying in court. The detectives are also members of the East County Major Crimes Team, as well as other inter-agency teams which allows for collaboration of multiple resources and leverages personnel for more efficient and effective results.

The Detective Unit is versatile and is responsible for a wide range of investigative efforts. With changes to the statewide Department of Human Services (DHS) hotline reporting and case management, the Detective Unit receives and processes all DHS reports of alleged child abuse and neglect in order to ensure cases are cross-reported. There is a need for two additional investigators to be dedicated to MCSO's Child Protection Team. Trained and experienced detectives will objectively and thoroughly investigate nearly 150 allegations of child abuse each month and determine if a violation of criminal law occurred, identify and apprehend the offender, and file appropriate criminal charges while ensuring the child's needs are met. Detectives receive specific training associated with child and family maltreatment, such as Making Equitable Space at the Table: The Importance of the Youth Advocate Role and The Intersection of Secondary Traumatic Stress with Culture, Race and Historical Trauma. The Detective Unit also has a dedicated detective to conduct follow-up investigations and provides services for victims impacted by domestic violence through the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team. This team utilizes a model of intervention that provides a coordinated, multi-disciplinary response to high-priority/high-risk domestic violence cases. When gun violence impacts east county communities, detectives engage in collaborative community outreach efforts and provide investigative resources with the goal of bringing awareness and reducing incidents involving firearms. The Detective Unit also registers approximately 450 sex offenders annually and conducts sex offender compliance missions, as Oregon law requires sex offenders to report in person to a law enforcement agency in the county where they reside.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Total cases investigated	650	475	725	700
Outcome	Total cases cleared	345	300	425	425
Output	Person crime cases investigated	520	450	525	500
Outcome	Person crime cases cleared	250	320	425	400

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Data from Law Enforcement Associates Data Technologies caseload database and RMS. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of serious person crime cases investigated by Detectives while over past years cutting FTE's to the program. Total cases are expected to be fewer as property crimes are no longer able to be assigned in the Detectives Unit based on the increase of serious person crimes; especially child abuse crimes.

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	<b>Adopted General Fund</b>	<b>Adopted Other Funds</b>	<b>Department Requested General Fund</b>	<b>Department Requested Other Funds</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$345,690	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$345,690</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$345,690</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

**Significant Program Changes**

Last Year this program was: